

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO on the )  
relation of the State Engineer, )  
and THE UNITED STATES OF )  
AMERICA, )

Plaintiffs, )

v. )

RAMON ARAGON et al. )

Defendants )

No. CIV 7941-JC

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

Section 5 Rio Gallina

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OBJECTION TO PREHEARING ORDER  
FOR LITIGATION OF WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS  
IN CERTAIN DISPUTED SUBFILES

COME NOW Gonzales-Gurule Ditch, Cordova-Martinez Ditch, Vigiles Ditch and the Gallina-Capulin Acequia Association ("Objectors") and hereby object to Paragraph I of the Prehearing Order, filed April 2, 2001 (Docket No. 6217) in this cause. Paragraph I limits participation at the subfile hearings to the State of New Mexico ex rel. State Engineer and the water rights owners of the six subfiles which are at issue. Objecting Defendants claim an interest relating to the transactions which are the subject of the action and are so situated that the disposition of the actions may as a practical matter impair or impede Defendants' abilities to protect that interest. The existing parties do not adequately represent Objectors' interest in this matter. Objectors will file a Motion to Intervene pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. Pro. Rule 24(a) in a timely manner.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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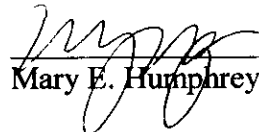
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